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In re application of:

Arjen BRANDSMA et al.

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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December 19, 2003

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of August 27, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached which follows the signature
page of this paper.